
Introduced by Senators Perata, Cedillo, and Romero
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Senate Joint Resolution No. 9—Relative to the California economy.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

SJR 9, as introduced, Perata. California economy: congressional attention.

This measure would request the state Congressional delegation to unite and turn its attention immediately to the plight of its constituents in California whose economy and future are so seriously jeopardized by the priorities of the Bush Administration.

Fiscal committee: no.

1 WHEREAS, Our nation continues in the throes of an ongoing,
2 relentless economic recession;
3 WHEREAS, The Congressional Budget Office has predicted a
4 \$200,000,000,000 national deficit this year; and
5 WHEREAS, The Bush Administration budget plan relies on
6 total tax cuts of \$1,300,000,000,000 in the next ten years to
7 stimulate the economy, increasing the likelihood of deep federal
8 deficits and massive cuts to domestic programs; and
9 WHEREAS, Economists predicts that if legislators adopt the
10 Bush Administration's current budget proposal it would wipe out
11 the remaining surplus and plummet the U.S. into a debt of over
12 \$2,000,000,000,000 over the next ten years; and
13 WHEREAS, The Congressional Budget Office estimates that
14 the security measures being implemented in the wake of
15 September 11th attacks will reduce the annual gross domestic

1 product growth by as much as 1%, or one percentage point lower
2 than a decade ago; and

3 WHEREAS, State lawmakers all across the nation must cut
4 spending in order to meet a \$25,000,000,000 budget shortfall in
5 the 2002–03 fiscal year, and \$68,500,000,000 in the 2003–04
6 fiscal year; and

7 WHEREAS, California’s New Economy recession is the
8 deepest, most long lasting in the nation, and shows few signs of
9 recovery; and

10 WHEREAS, California taxpayers’ contribution to the federal
11 budget is by far the largest of any state in the nation; and

12 WHEREAS, California’s annual federal tax contribution is
13 \$13,000,000,000 more than it receives back in federal support and
14 services; and

15 WHEREAS, California public schools stand to lose over
16 \$300,000,000 in crucial funding for migrant, after-school, and
17 vocational education programs under the President’s budget plan,
18 which mandates higher standards but fails to fund the
19 administration’s much trumpeted “No Child Left Behind”
20 education initiative favoring instead national voucher programs
21 and giving tax credits to students who attend private schools; and

22 WHEREAS, The President’s budget request proposes
23 reductions in overall spending in Medicaid and SCHIP programs
24 by \$2,500,000,000 over ten years and continues to ignore the
25 hardships caused to seniors by putting unfettered profits of drug
26 companies before affordable prescriptions; and

27 WHEREAS, President Bush’s plan proposes to reduce
28 transportation funding in California by at least \$200,000,000
29 thereby extending delays in projects on congested freeways, as
30 well as reductions to transit; and

31 WHEREAS, The federal government already owes California
32 reimbursements in the range of \$1,000,000,000 for homeland
33 security expenses pursuant to September 11th attacks; now,
34 therefore, be it

35 *Resolved by the Senate and Assembly of the State of California,*
36 *jointly,* That the Legislature of the State of California does hereby
37 ask the state Congressional delegation to unite and turn their
38 attention immediately to the plight of its constituents in California
39 whose economy and future are so seriously jeopardized by the
40 priorities of the Bush Administration; and be it further



1 *Resolved*, That the Secretary of the Senate transmit copies of
2 this resolution to the state Congressional delegation.

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